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Dear Parents:

Our team uses many valuable online tools to further our curricular goals. To use some of these online tools, student accounts must be created. Because the students in our team are under 13, it is necessary that we obtain parental permission so that students can use these accounts.

Below is a list of online resources we would like to use in our classes which require student account creation. The URL for both the website and its Terms of Service can be found with the name of the tool.

- **Animoto** ([www.animoto.com](http://www.animoto.com))

[http://animoto.com/legal/education\\_terms](http://animoto.com/legal/education_terms)

Animoto is a video creation service that makes it easy and fun for anyone to create and share videos using their own pictures, video clips, words, and music. Teachers in our team create accounts for students through an Education account, using only first name, last initial, and school-issued, monitored Gaggles email address.

- **Edmodo** ([www.district96.edmodo.com](http://www.district96.edmodo.com))

<http://www.edmodo.com/corporate/terms-of-service>

A free and secure online learning platform where teachers and students can collaborate and share content. This private learning environment is managed by the teacher and provides a safe and easy way to support learning beyond the classroom. You may sign up for a parent account on Edmodo, which connects to your child's account. To sign up for a parent account, you need your child's unique parent code. To find out more, visit <http://support.edmodo.com> and click on "I'm a Parent."

- **Khan Academy** ([www.khanacademy.org](http://www.khanacademy.org))

<http://www.khanacademy.org/about/tos>

Khan Academy offers thousands of instructional videos and practice problems on a variety of subjects. Teachers using Khan Academy become the student's coach and create the Child Accounts with parental permission. In this way, teachers can monitor student progress and success. Child Accounts have special privacy considerations, including no access to the discussion forums.

- **KidBlog** ([www.kidblog.org](http://www.kidblog.org))

<http://kidblog.org/home/terms-of-service/>

Kidblog is a school and classroom blogging service. Teachers set up a class account and assign each student a username (first name, last initial) and password. We will be using KidBlog to share our writing with other students in the class.

• **Quizlet** ([www.quizlet.com](http://www.quizlet.com))

<http://quizlet.com/tos>

Quizlet allows users to create sets of flashcards and to view flashcard sets created by other users. Quizlet offers a limited feature set and website experience that removes certain social features for children under 13.

We will keep an updated list of websites on our 6th Grade Gold Team Homework wiki (<http://goldteamhwwiki.wikispaces.com>), under "Middle School Resources." If you object to your child's use of any of these online tools, please let us know.

Please review the Terms of Service and Privacy Policies of these sites with your child and note that these policies may change over time, so you should review them again when you or your child receives a notification that they have been updated.

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I give consent for my child, listed below, to create accounts for and use the online tools listed above. I also understand that if there are any additions to this list, they will be noted on the Middle School Resources page referenced above. I understand that if I object to the use of these tools I will notify my child's teacher(s).

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM TO **MRS. MUHR**.